

IPAC BC Chapter Annual Report 2020

2020 Executive

President: Amira Imamovic-Buljubasic

President-elect: Lauren Kim

Secretary: Baljinder Sidhu

Treasurer: Swastika Narayan

2021 Executive

President: Lauren Kim

President-elect: Karmjit Sandhu

Secretary: Rita Dekleer

Treasurer: Swastika Narayan

Number of Members: no changes same as 2019

Geographic Area Served: British Columbia Canada

Membership

IPAC practitioner from Acute/LTC/Community/Ambulatory/Collage of Physician and Surgeons, BC Ambulance

Meetings

In Person/Virtual Chapter Meetings and Education Days

- 5 executive meetings and 4 chapter Meetings held 2020 (1 of each in person January and 4/3 virtual)
- Chapter meetings 22/Jan20; March and April canceled; 24June20; 14Oct20; 25Nov20
- BC Education day canceled
- BC members encouraged to participate in IPAC Canada Webinars

Highlights

It has been extremely busy year with pandemic in BC. We have done our best to keep connecting our members and keep supporting each other. Decision was made to make meetings virtual as of March. IPAC executives decided to decreased length of the chapter meetings to save some time to busy members and still give them opportunity to connect and get support from the chapter executives and chapter members.

- All Health Care authorities are expanding their teams and there is hope that we will have additional IPAC BC /Canada members in 2021
- Several CIC recertification in 2020,
- BC Chapter worked on updating TOR which has been sent to IPAC Canada board for approval and since approved and posted on IPAC BC web site

- BC 2020 scholarship awarded and recipients will have chance to use it in 2021
- Executives provided support to the members recertifying CIC using continuous education by providing them with documentation required
- Executives working on criteria for presenting on our chapter meeting to ensure educational component for our members is there
- Executives working on process of providing members certificates for education part of the chapter meetings, BC education days and executive positions held for CIC recertification purposes
- Executives working on finding ways to keep chapter documentation in safe executive accessible drives to ensure continuity and safety of the information and documentation

Amira Imamovic-Buljubasic

IPAC BC president 2020



IPAC Northern Alberta Chapter Annual Report - 2020

2020 Executive

President: Jennifer Parsonage RN BScN CIC

President-elect: Maureen Buchanan-Chell

Secretary: Lisa Acorn RN BN CIC

Treasurer: Crystelle Ong BSc MLT

2021 Executive

President: Maureen Buchanan-Chell RN BScN CIC

President-elect: N/A

Secretary: Lisa Acorn RN BN CIC

Treasurer: Crystelle Ong BSc MLT

Number of Members: 75

Geographic Area Served:

Northern Alberta

Membership

We have a broad membership, including Infection Control Professionals from our two major healthcare organizations; corporate members; public health; and community health who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our chapter.

Meetings

IPAC NA Continued to meet on a bi-monthly basis during the beginning of 2020 for meetings and education sessions via skype. IPAC NA has always offered skype as an option for meeting due to the large geographical area our chapter encompasses, so it was not a difficult adjustment for our group to be online only. Our meetings included a presentation by Andrea Devlin on continuous antimicrobial protection, a session with Kathy McGhie on surgical site infection bundles, and health & wellness session to support our members during the pandemic. In October of 2020, COVID-19 began to escalate in Alberta and we were unable to meet beyond that point.

Highlights

COVID-19 made chapter activity very difficult in 2020. Plans for a collaborative education day with IPAC Southern Alberta were put on hold. Our annual June Luncheon was canceled to follow public health guidelines on not gathering. Many of our members did not have time to participate as their priority was managing outbreaks, providing education to our many healthcare workers, and ensuring patient and staff safety. It was certainly an unprecedented year for all of our members.

IPAC Northern Alberta celebrated 35 years as a Chapter in 2020. A Pandemic was not our idea of a celebration, but it certainly did highlight the importance of Infection Prevention & Control in our healthcare system and beyond. We thank each and every one of our chapter members for their dedication in the past year. We make a difference!



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IPAC-SA Chapter 2020 Annual Report May 2021

Current Year's Executive -2021

President: Kim Houde – Clinical Practice Coordinator, Calgary Zone

President-elect: Vacant

Secretary: Joseph Kaunda – IPC - Acute Care

Treasurer: Kristine Cannon – IPC – Acute Care

Education Coordinator: Jason Morris – IPC - Rural

Seminar/Fundraising Coordinator: vacant

Webmaster: Dione Kolodka, IPC – Community & Corrections

Past President: Vacant Feb 2018

Number of Members:

April 2021 – 95 members

Geographic Area Served:

South and South/Central Alberta (AB). Our borders extend from Red Deer (north) to the AB/USA border (south); then from the BC/AB (west) to the AB/SK (East) borders.

Membership:

IPAC-Southern Alberta (IPAC-SA) membership consists of the following demographics:

- ... Infection Prevention and Control professionals from acute care hospital sites, assisted/supportive living sites, urban and rural community sites and pre-hospital care.
- ... Staff and physicians from Primary Care Network clinics and health services clinics within the zone
- ... Representatives from industry, environmental services, medical device reprocessing, educational institutions, private consultants, dental offices and individuals with an interest in Infection Control

Meetings

Usually there are 6 meeting held annually, 4 virtually via Skype and 2 face to face meetings that based out of 4 sites across Southern Alberta, held via telehealth to support live viewing of members congregated at each site. In 2020 there were 2 meetings held in the winter then meetings were suspended to allow members to focus their efforts on COVID efforts as wave 1 spread across Alberta. There was an education day planned for late April that was cancelled in light of the emerging pandemic and subsequent restrictions.

Education and Guest speakers:

As noted earlier, the planned Education Day in April had to be cancelled. The February meeting's education portion was utilized as a platform to discuss what educational opportunities the membership would like to see in the coming months.

Highlights:

There were not a lot of submissions from membership when the request for accomplishments was sent out in January. What they are reticent to claim is the amazing job they have done responding to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. Alberta had a slow escalation of activity over 2020 and despite many hurdles not the least of which involved a plethora of misinformation via social media, our IPAC-SA members have maintained exemplary support for strong consistent messaging, science-based responses to questions and concerns as well as a seemingly untiring ability to rise to each worsening wave of the pandemic to maintain practices in alignment with IP&C principles.

Jennifer Ellison, with other IPAC-SA members and colleagues noted below, have also had numerous abstracts and publications:

- ... Abstracts accepted for 2020 Decennial conference in Atlanta (March 2020) – conference cancelled but abstracts published in AJIC in Fall 2020.
 - Hospital-acquired Bloodstream Infections with MRSA and VRE: Standardized Admission Screening Did Not Impact Rates (lead author)
 - Reporting Surgical Site Infections (SSIs) Using Different Surveillance Systems - Complexity of Infection Matters (lead author)
 - Comparison of Matched Patient Data for SSIs following Total Hip and Total Knee Arthroplasty: IPC vs. NSQIP Surveillance (lead author)
 - A Six-year Review of Carbapenemase-producing Organisms Population in Alberta, Canada (Co-author)
 - Healthcare Associated Infection Decisions of Antibiotic-resistant Organisms: A Data Quality Review (Co-author)
 - Prevalence of Healthcare-associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance in Rural Alberta Acute Care Facilities (lead author – Selected among 35 abstracts as SHEA Top poster abstract award)
- ... Shen Y., **Ellison, J.**, Leal, J., Bush, K., Chandran, U., Fathima, S., Conly, J. M. (2020). The use of laboratory-identified event surveillance to classify adverse outcomes due to *Clostridioides difficile* infection in Canadian long-term care facilities. *Infection Control & Hospital Epidemiology*, <https://doi.org/10.1017/ice.2020.1269>
- ... Almond, J., Leal, J., Bush, K., Rogers, E., Henderson, E. A., **Ellison, J.** (2020). Hospital-acquired *Clostridioides difficile* infections in Alberta: The validity of laboratory-identified event surveillance versus clinical infection surveillance. *American Journal of Infection Control*. 48: 633–637. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajic.2019.09.029>
- ... A comparison of surgical site infections following total hip and total knee replacement surgery identified by Infection Prevention and Control and the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program in Alberta – **lead author**, article accepted, in press (*Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology*)

Conferences:

Jennifer Ellison was able to attend 2 conferences:

- ... Annual Bug Day – University of Alberta, October 20, 2020
- ... AHS i4 2020 – Quality Summit – October 6-7, 2020

COVID-19

Undoubtedly the SARS-Cov-2 pandemic and the global response has presented a situation few have seen before. It has been challenging, humbling but also an opportunity for great learning. I feel that this has been a privilege for me to have been part of. We will be seeing the research and learnings impact our health care systems and behaviors for years to come.

SASKPIC CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT

2020 Executive

President: Karrie Yausie BA BSc CIC

President-elect: Vacant

Secretary: Melayna Fusick RN, BScN, BComm

Treasurer: Alyssa Baade BSc MLT CIC

2021 Executive

President: Karrie Yausie BA BSc CIC

President-elect: Amanda Peterson RN CIC

Secretary: Melayna Fusick RN, BScN, BComm

Treasurer: Alyssa Baade BSc MLT CIC

Number of Members: 77

Geographic Area Served:

Saskatchewan

Membership

Mainly Infection Control Practitioners and some Industry Representatives. We have a mixture of nurses, therapists (occupational and physical) and those with backgrounds in Public Health

Meetings

The executive met in January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August and October of 2020. We have not met since October of 2020 due to a non-COVID work pause.

Our regularly scheduled Spring Education Conference was canceled due to the pandemic. We did have a Fall Education Conference and AGM in September via Adobe Connect but unfortunately there was considerable Adobe Connect technical difficulties that interrupted the schedule.

Highlights

IPAC SASKPIC was asked to be the host chapter for the 2021 poster theme.

IPAC SASKPIC filled the vacant position of President Elect (Amanda Peterson) and filled the new position of Member At Large (Rhianna Matschke-Neufeld)

Unfortunately due to the pandemic all the goals that SASKPIC laid out in 2019 have been placed on hold as well as current executive work.

IPAC MANITOBA 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

2020 Executive

President: Myrna Dyck

President-elect: -

Secretary: Barb Olson

Treasurer: Corinna Tinant

2021 Executive

President: Myrna Dyck

President-elect: -

Secretary: Barb Olson

Treasurer: Corinna Tinant

Number of Members: 56

Geographic Area Served: Manitoba

Membership

Members come from all sorts of backgrounds: infection control, public health, dental, acute care, long term care.

Meetings

A summary of frequency of Chapter meetings, format, guest speakers throughout the year

- IPAC-MB meeting chapter education sessions:
 - January 2020 [in-person]: Bryce Koch – Harm reduction and infection control
 - September 2020 [virtual]: Gale Schultz – Manitoba N95 reprocessing during a global pandemic
- Annual education day November 2020 [virtual]:
 - Gerry Hansen – update on IPAC Canada
 - Chantelle Riddle-Yarycky – PPE specifications
 - Myrna Dyck – Epi and COVID, Making sense of cases, clusters and outbreaks (in Manitoba)
 - Dr. Carol Kurbis – COVID contact tracing through the eyes of public health

Highlights

Our usual meetings had 10-15 people attend on a routine basis. This was an accomplishment, due to the ongoing COVID-19 workload that all ICPs are dealing with. Our education day was attended by 17 members which is a high level of participation for this event. This was likely due to all using the virtual method of communication throughout. Presenters were easy to hear, versus what has happened in the past when we had guest speakers in a room with some audio that was shared virtually. The day seemed to be well received by the members.

IPAC HUPIC ANNUAL REPORT

2020 Executive

President: Adel Coulter, RPN

President-elect: Vacant

Secretary: Adel Coulter, RPN

Treasurer: Christina Milani

2021 Executive

President: Adel Coulter RPN

President-elect: Vacant

Secretary: Adel Coulter RPN

Treasurer: Christina Milani

Number of Members: 28

Geographic Area Served: Grey Bruce and Huron Counties in Ontario

Membership

LTC

Hospital

Local College

Public Health Ontario

Public Health

Meetings

We met twice last year due to COVID and time constraints.

IPAC PANA CHAPTER REPORT

Unfortunately, we have been struggling with member engagement over the past 2 years and this year has been the same. We have attempted to reach out to our members to gain more knowledge of their needs and expectations for our chapter, with very poor participation. Due to the pandemic and only having 3 members on our Executive team, the chapter suffered this year.

Webinar Chapter Meetings and Education days

March 12, 2020 – Executive meeting to discuss education and meeting dates for the year

September 10, 2020 – Chapter meeting and Education on Construction & Renovation

New members? New CIC certified Members? Other exciting news?

Headwaters Healthcare received a \$100 financial support from the chapter for their wonderful IPAC Week celebrations, no other applicants.

Kanwal Brar, ICP at Humber River Hospital – Received her CIC October 30th and we are very proud!!!

Submitted by Meaghan Davies

IPAC Central South Ontario

2020 Executive

President: Tricia Hutton

President-elect: Bois Marufov

Secretary: Tanya Denich

Treasurer: Connie Gittens

Webmaster: Trevor Johnson

Education Lead(s): Mary Ellen Konrad and Branden DaSilva

2021 Executive

President: Tricia Hutton

President-elect: Bois Marufov

Secretary: Tanya Denich

Treasurer: Connie Gittens

Webmaster: Trevor Johnson

Education Lead(s): Mary Ellen Konrad and Branden DaSilva

Number of Members: 110

Geographic Area Served: Central South Ontario (CSO)

Membership

- Acute care and Public Health

Meetings

IPAC CSO had 3 meeting in 2020 Feb- Sept- Nov

All meetings were virtual via G-suite and consisted of opening remarks, some Q&A and a minimum 1 hour education session

Highlights

- IPAC-CSO YouTube Channel created Sept.2020
- A few IPAC CSO members volunteered and gathered in person (with social distancing and IPAC measures in place of course) to provide education and donated hand sanitizers, mittens and a Costco gift card to a local Burlington Ontario Women's shelter in November 2020.

Webinars & Presentations

- COVID CARE: We're in this together -Dr. Johnathan Sam & Calming the Panic over new organisms in our world -Jim Gauthier

Date: November 20, 2020

- Questions about COVID-19 you were afraid to ask. Dr. Sumon Chakrabarti's (Trillium Healthcare)

Date: September 19, 2020

- Midwifery and IPAC Stefania Cloutier (Halton Healthcare)

Date: February 21, 2020

IPAC GTA CHAPTER

2020 Executive

President: Melisa Avanes

President-elect: Alice Simniceanu

Secretary: Amber Linkenheld- Struck

Treasurer: Sarah Zanchettin

2021 Executive

President: Melisa Avanes

President-elect: Alice Simniceanu

Secretary: Cameron Thomas

Treasurer: Sarah Zanchettin

Networking Chair: Kishori Naik

Marketing chair: Murtuza Diwan

Education Chair: Alex Kusiewicz

Webmaster: Stefanie Siau

Membership Director: Rohit Garg

Number of Members: 327

Geographic Area Served: Greater Toronto Area, Ontario

Membership

The membership consists of infection prevention and control professionals from wide spectrum training backgrounds which include nursing, microbiology, laboratory technology, public health, and medical doctor. The members are employed in different types of facilities such as acute care, long-term care, rehabilitation institutes, public health, and governmental agencies. The membership also includes representatives from private industry.

Meetings

In person meetings were cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic. Membership was engaged virtually through IPAC GTA CHATs. The chapter hosted 5 CHATs ranging in topics from CPE to COVID-19 information and response, it also featured speakers from various institutions; please see below for the list of CHATs:

- March 10, 2020. 2 topics: WHO IPC recommendation and COVID update. Canada's first COVID case: In hospital management. Speaker: Alice Simniceanu (WHO) and Amber Linkenheld-Struck (Sunnybrook)
- July 22, 2020. 2 topics: COVID-19- LTC and Retirement Home IPAC. Assessment and outbreak management in acute care. Speaker: Madelaine Ashcroft (PHO) and Dechen Dolma (Scarborough Health Network)
- September 2, 2020. 1 topic: Conducting infection prevention research during COVID-19 pandemic. Speaker: Piragas Puvindran (St. Michael's hospital)
- September 24, 2020. 1 topic. The prevention and control of Carbapenemase- producing enterobacterales (CPE) in Ontario, Canada. Speaker: Dr. Jamal A. (Mount Sinai Hospital)
- December 10, 2020. 1 topic. COVID 19: droplets, aerosols, and airborne transmission. Trying to make sense of it all. Speaker: Dr. Song (West Park HealthCare)

Highlights

- The usual events such as "education day", "Summer BBQ", hosted every year by IPAC GTA were cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic. The membership was engaged virtually through webinars throughout the year.
- IPAC GTA provided funding assistance to 9 members for obtaining CIC certification for the first time.
- As part of national infection prevention and control week, IPAC GTA provided financial assistance to the institutions which recognized the week and the profession at their hospitals.



IPAC SWO 2020 Chapter Activities

President: Francine Paquette, BAsC, CPHI(C), CIC

President-elect: Dori Taylor, RN, BScN, CIC, CCHN(C)

Treasurer/Membership: Sonalben Shah, MSc, CIC

Secretary: Robyn Latendresse, RN, BScN

Education Co-Chairs: Kim Hobbs, RN, BScN, CIC and Lindsay Samoila, RN, BScN, CIC

Knowledge Transfer/Webmaster: Eleanor Paget, RN, BScN, CIC

Non-acute Care Representative: Cara-Lee Coghill, RN, MScN, CCHC(C)

Geographic Area Served:

Southwestern Ontario is a secondary region of Southern Ontario in the province of Ontario. With IPAC HUPIC to our north, IPAC SWO is bounded by the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, and Detroit River, to the west and by Lake Erie to the south. To the east, on land, Southwestern Ontario is bounded by Central Ontario and the Golden Horseshoe. Central to our area is London Ontario, with a population of 395 295.

Number of Members:

IPAC SWO had 105 members as of December 2020. Our membership spans beyond the 8 health unit areas in southwestern Ontario and we continue to welcome new members for all sectors of healthcare, to our chapter.

Chapter Activities:

Three chapter meetings were held, two of which also had education webinars were offered: February 7th, September 18th, and November 6. Due to the pandemic our biennial Education Workshop was cancelled in April 2020 along with our in-person Chapter Meetings/Education Days.

- **February 7th, 2020 Education Session:** *“Syphilis: Preventing an outbreak from ‘spirocheting’ out of control”* with Dr Alex Summers, AMOH Middlesex-London Health Unit
- **November 6th, 2020 Education Session:** *“Understanding the Enemy, Calming the Panic”* Jim Gauthier, Diversey.

OTTAWA REGION CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Executive Members for 2020

President: Donna Perron
Past President: Jo-Anne Janigan
Treasurer: Karen Veal
Secretary: Beverley Brown

Executive Members for 2021

President: Donna Perron
President-Elect: Natalie Bruce
Treasurer: Karen Veal
Secretary: Beverley Brown

IPAC Ottawa Region (IPAC OR) has a membership base of approximately **103** members, with representation from hospitals, long-term care, community, government (provincial and federal), military, pre-hospital, midwives, dental and public health units. We serve Ottawa and the surrounding areas of Eastern Ontario and Ottawa Valley.

We generally have 5 meetings per calendar year but this year we were only able to have 2 meetings due to Covid-19. We had an in-person meeting held in February in Ottawa with 2 sites, Cornwall and Renfrew meeting in their region and participating through Adobe platform. The second meeting was held virtually in December. It was a short meeting but all members that participated very much enjoyed connecting with all their IPAC OR family. It gave at least for a short period of time some normalcy to these turbulent times. During this meeting we were able to congratulate 6 members on completing their CIC and 1 member on completing their SARE. We have sent all the new CIC members their CIC pins in the mail.

This year had some major changes to our executive in January our President elect, Chapter Council representative and webmaster resigned. We were very fortunate that we had members that stepped up to fill these positions. We held elections via email in the fall and all our positions are filled.

IPAC CENTRAL EAST ONTARIO ANNUAL REPORT

2020 Executive

President: Margaret Cameron, MLT CMQ/OE BHA CIC

President-elect: Vacant

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Sharon Connell, RN CIC

2021 Executive

President: Margaret Cameron, MLT CMQ/OE BHA CIC

President-elect: Vacant

Secretary: Megan Allen, BScN RN

Treasurer: Sharon Connell, RN CIC

Number of Members: 29 members (December 2020).

Geographic Area Served: Our boundaries include Northumberland and Pine Ridge Districts, east to Peterborough, west to Durham Region and north as far as the Haliburton Highlands and all areas within.

Membership

Members are from acute care hospitals, long term care, public health and industry partners.

Meetings

Traditionally we meet once each quarter. However due to COVID, we only met three times in 2020.

The following education topics were presented at the 2020 meetings.

- **June:** COVID-19 Q &A with current literature review facilitated by Margaret Cameron
- **September:** Understanding the enemy, calming the panic: new organisms in our world presented by Jim Gauthier
- **November:** Canadian Experience COVID 19 Overview, including Long Term Care presented by Madeleine Ashcroft

Long term care and physician clinics administrators within our geographic region were invited to the November meeting to increase awareness of our local IPAC Canada Chapter.

Highlights

The following members were successful in obtaining CIC recertification in 2020

- Sarah McBride (continuing education)
- Margaret Cameron (continuing education)
- Marilyn Petherick (examination)

In Memoriam

In November 2020 we lost a dear colleague and friend. Margaret Jay was a founding member of our IPAC Canada Central East Ontario Chapter. She dedicated her career to advance Infection Prevention and Control. Margaret was at the forefront of Infection Control before the word Prevention was included in the program name. She nurtured the IPAC program at Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) from its infancy, at a time when the value and impact of infection control was not widely recognized and before the emergence of MRSA and implementation of hand hygiene programs. Despite numerous obstacles and challenges, she always fought to advance Infection Prevention and Control principles and practices, laying a solid foundation for the Infection and Prevention program in place today. Margaret was a passionate advocate for patient safety and set high standards for the IPAC program and Environmental Services Department. She is fondly remembered by our longstanding Chapter members.

NB/PEI 2020 Annual Report

2020/2021 Executive

President: Tara Ferguson

Treasurer: Chris Cohoon

Education Chair: Kellie MacLean-Marks

Secretary: Vacant

Past President: Marcus MacDonald

Number of Members: 54

Geographic area served: New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island

Membership: Our members represent many areas of infection control, including but not limited to acute care, long term care, community health, mental health and addictions, employee health, public health, dentistry and healthcare industry.

Meetings- We have not met in the past year due to COVID workloads but remained connected by sharing resources with each other. The Executive is meeting May 14, 2021 with focus of establishing a regular Chapter meeting schedule and increasing membership engagement. Our Nova Scotia colleagues have generously included us in their recent education sessions and we would like to thank them for including us. We hope to be able to return their hospitality in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Ferguson



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IPAC NS Chapter Report October 2020

2020 Executive

President: Sheila Lee RN CIC

President-elect: Kathy Ellis BScN, RN, C

Secretary: Loribeth Scopie MLT, CIC

Treasurer: Danielle Henri RN, GNC (C)

2021 Executive

President: Kathy Ellis BScN, RN, C

President-elect: Loribeth Scopie MLT, CIC

Secretary: Elizabeth Watson RN BScN CIC

Treasurer: Danielle Henri RN, GNC (C)

Number of Members: 73 members

Geographic Area Served:

Province of Nova Scotia

Meetings

Five general meetings were scheduled as follows with an educational component following each meeting:

- February 21st - in person at Cobequid Health Center in Halifax and via skype
 - **Understanding Lyme disease in Nova Scotia:** Dr. Jennifer Cram Medical Officer of Health for Western Nova Scotia.
- April 17th – cancelled because of COVID
- June 19th- via Skype
 - **New Organisms in Healthcare: When to Panic, When to Carry On!:** Jim Gauthier MLT, CIC
- Sept 18th – via skype
 - **SARS-CoV-2: What is on the Horizon!** Dr. Lisa Barrett
- Nov 20th- via skype
 - **Hyperbaric Medicine: Treatment of Compression Sickness vs Infectious Diseases...Inquiring Minds Want to Know!** Dr Debbie Pestell

Highlights

The Executives goal for 2019-2020 was to retain and recruit members. A goal was set to increase membership by 20% in the next two years (from 62 currently to 75).

As of October 9th 2020 the IPACNS membership is at 73

October: Annual education symposium was not held this year as a result of COVID

Chapter Achievement Projects

IPAC Nova Scotia is well-positioned to contribute guidance, some financial backing, subject matter expertise and willingness to partner with an organization that is commitment to public wellness and safety by advocating for best practices in infection prevention and control.

In 2019 the membership voted to partner with two of three proposed projects.

IPAC NS provided funding to purchase specialized equipment needed for the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility (Offender Health) Women's Wellness Clinic. COVID has delayed the progress of this project.

Ending Drinking Water Advisories in First Nations One Drop at a Time was the second project that was voted on. A working group of interested IPACNS members is currently exploring opportunities to partner with such an organization.

The working group met with the Council of Canadians Oct 16th to discuss potential options for IPACNS to contribute to existing work such safe drinking water for First Nations communities or to collaborate on a new project such as Blue Communities. This is work in progress, details to come.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sheila Lee
President IPACNS

